

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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## Unadjusted Unemployment Increases During February

Seasonally unadjusted rates increased 0.3 of a percentage point from January to 6.9 percent in Bay Workforce Delivery Area. Employment levels during the winter months are frequently influenced by seasonal factors so the increase is not totally unexpected. The first half of January was relatively mild with some days up near the 50 degree mark. This was followed by temperatures at or below normal for the remainder of the month, and all of February. Along with seasonal factors, the area's economy has also been influenced by the national economy, and the international situation with Iraq.

The months of January and February have the highest level of unemployment during the calendar year. In February, nine of the area's ten counties had an increase in their monthly rate, with Marinette County remaining unchanged at 8.6 percent. On a more positive note, only one county had a higher unemployment than one year ago. The region remained above the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 6.4 percent. The monthly rate in the region was 0.5 of a percentage below last February when it was 7.4.

Along with an increase in the region's unemployment rate, both the size of its labor force and the number of employed declined. The labor force declined 400 in February, while the number of workers employed

dropped by 1,300. Both employment and labor force levels remain well above last year's levels.

The number of jobs in the region declined 1,300 from January. The largest declines were in the manufacturing, trade, and leisure and hospitality industries. Looking back to last February, the number of jobs in the area increased by 1,000.

### Assistance sought from multi-location employers

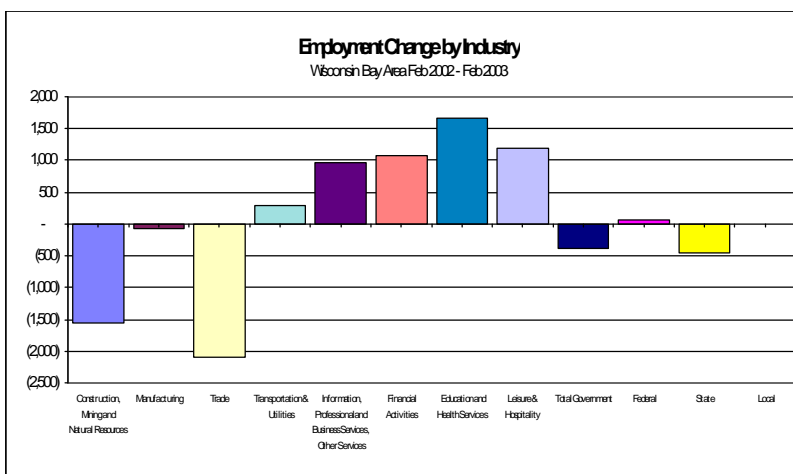
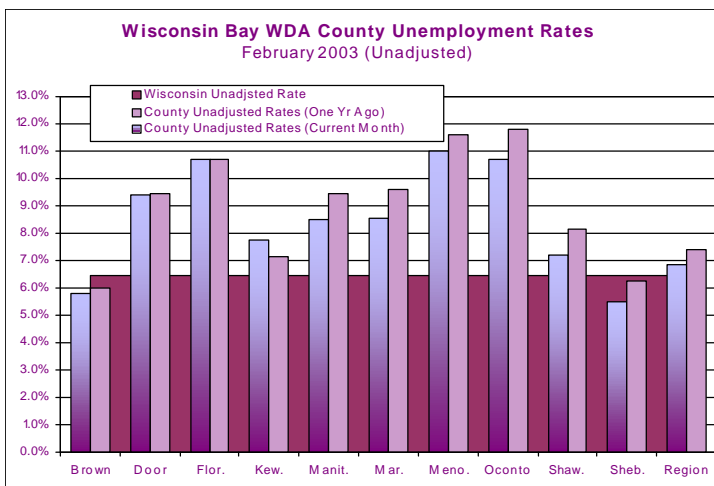
Employers with operations in multiple locations (worksites) in Wisconsin who do not report the number of workers at each location are requested to complete a Multiple Worksite Report (MWR). The MWR are sent to employers during the first quarter by the **Bureau of Workforce Information** and supplement the data that employers provide on the Unemployment Insurance Quarterly Contribution Report.

Similar to the unemployment report, the employment and wage data collected in this survey is confidential and used only for statistical and analytical studies, Unemployment Insurance Program purposes, and the

Dislocated Worker Program. Employers benefit because data can be used to assist business planners with new sites location, economic forecasting, and wage analysis.

**For more information, or assistance on the MWR, contact Deborah Holt at 608.266.5321**

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Green Bay MSA declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.8 percent. This compares to 5.0 percent last February.

The rate for the Sheboygan MSA was also at 4.8 percent.

This was an increase of 0.2 of a percentage point from January. Last February the rate was 5.5 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.8 percent. The rate for Wisconsin was down 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.3 percent.

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
February 2003	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marinette	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheb.	Region	WI
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	146,500	15,700	1,900	10,700	45,000	22,700	2,300	16,400	20,100	65,600	346,900	3,080,300
Employed	138,000	14,300	1,700	9,900	41,200	20,700	2,100	14,700	18,700	62,000	323,100	2,881,800
Unemployed	8,500	1,500	200	800	3,800	1,900	300	1,800	1,400	3,600	23,800	198,500
Unemployment rate(%)	5.8%	9.4%	10.7%	7.8%	8.5%	8.6%	11.0%	10.7%	7.2%	5.5%	6.9%	6.4%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8%	-	5.3%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	145,500	12,300	1,200	6,500	35,600	19,000	2,000	9,300	12,100	61,600	305,100	2,731,200
Total Private	127,800	10,600	900	5,500	31,000	16,700	100	7,200	9,200	54,900	263,900	2,306,900
Goods Producing	33,900	3,000	300	2,300	13,200	5,900	*	3,000	2,700	26,800	91,200	622,300
Service Producing	111,500	9,300	900	4,200	22,400	13,100	2,000	6,300	9,400	34,800	213,900	2,108,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	7,000	800	0	400	1,300	600	*	400	500	2,300	13,300	105,500
Manufacturing	26,900	2,300	300	1,900	11,900	5,300	*	2,500	2,300	24,500	77,800	516,700
Trade	21,100	1,500	100	800	4,100	2,900	100	1,000	1,800	7,200	40,500	421,100
Transportation & Utilities	9,500	100	40	500	1,500	700	*	300	300	1,200	14,100	307,400
Financial Activities	10,900	600	40	200	1,000	600	*	200	400	2,200	16,100	153,000
Education and Health Services	17,800	1,400	100	600	4,700	2,800	*	1,000	1,600	6,200	36,200	360,800
Leisure & Hospitality	12,100	2,700	200	700	2,800	1,700	*	1,000	1,300	3,700	26,100	223,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other	22,400	1,300	100	500	3,700	2,200	*	700	1,100	7,600	39,600	935,900
Total Government	17,700	1,700	300	1,000	4,600	2,400	1,900	2,100	2,900	6,600	41,200	424,300
Federal	1,000	100	20	100	200	100	*	100	100	200	2,000	28,800
State	2,600	100	10	0	200	200	*	0	100	700	3,800	100,800
Local	14,100	1,500	300	900	4,200	2,000	1,900	1,900	2,700	5,700	35,300	294,700
Change from one month ago January 2003												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	500	-200	0	-100	-100	0	0	0	0	-500	-400	12,800
Employed	200	-200	0	-100	-200	0	0	-100	-100	-800	-1,300	6,600
Unemployed	300	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	300	900	6,200
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2%	-	-0.1%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	300	-100	20	-100	-100	-700	-10	0	0	-600	-1,300	10,200
Total Private	-400	-200	10	0	-200	-800	0	0	0	-600	-2,200	-10,100
Goods Producing	-500	0	0	0	-100	-700	0	0	0	-500	-1,800	-6,800
Service Producing	800	-100	20	0	0	0	-10	0	0	-100	500	17,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	0	-10	0	100	0	0	0	0	-100	-300	-3,000
Manufacturing	-300	0	10	0	-100	-800	0	10	0	-430	-1,570	-3,800
Trade	-300	0	0	-10	-100	0	0	-30	-50	-70	-570	-4,600
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	-10	0	0	0	-10	0	0	-10	-3,800
Financial Activities	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10	110	-200
Education and Health Services	400	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	-10	-40	420	2,800
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-100	0	-10	0	0	0	20	0	-30	-470	-2,200
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs,	100	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	140	3,200
Total Government	700	0	10	-20	100	100	-10	20	30	10	880	20,300
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10	-100
State	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	8,900
Local	600	0	10	-20	0	0	-10	20	40	10	740	11,500
Change from one year ago February 2002												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	6,300	900	100	200	200	400	0	100	-300	2,300	10,200	67,600
Employed	6,200	800	100	100	600	600	0	200	0	2,600	11,400	74,300
Unemployed	100	100	0	100	-400	-200	0	-200	-200	-400	-1,100	-6,700
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.4%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.7%	-	-0.4%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	1,100	500	100	0	0	-500	0	0	-100	100	1,000	-67,200
Total Private	1,300	500	0	100	-100	-400	0	-100	-100	200	1,400	-67,200
Goods Producing	-700	100	0	-100	-300	-700	0	-100	0	200	-1,600	-42,500
Service Producing	1,700	400	0	100	300	300	0	100	-100	-100	2,700	-24,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-900	-100	0	0	-200	0	0	0	0	-400	-1,600	-20,500
Manufacturing	200	200	0	-100	-200	-700	0	-100	0	600	-100	-22,100
Trade	-1,500	-300	0	0	-100	100	0	0	-100	-200	-2,100	-30,100
Transportation & Utilities	300	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	-100	300	-28,900
Financial Activities	700	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	100	1,100	1,200
Education and Health Services	1,200	100	0	0	300	0	0	0	100	-200	1,700	5,500
Leisure & Hospitality	100	800	0	100	-100	200	0	100	0	-100	1,200	-1,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs,	1,100	-200	0	0	-100	0	0	-100	-200	500	1,000	10,100
Total Government	-200	0	0	-100	100	-100	0	200	0	-200	-400	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	-1,400
State	-400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-500	-1,600
Local	200	0	0	-100	100	-100	0	200	0	-200	0	3,000

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWA data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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